# Symposium on Poverty and Economic Security:

Poverty & Health

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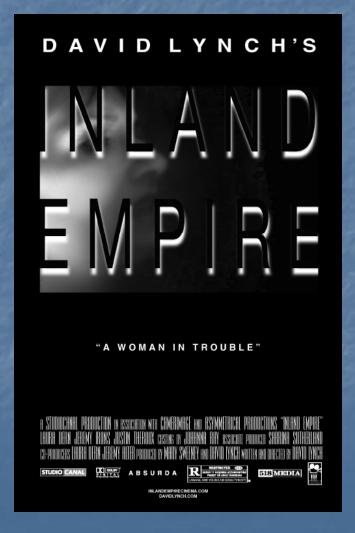
### How we measure poverty matters

Absolute approach

Subjective approach

Relative approach

### "Location, location, location" Disparities in our Region



#### The Third California



**Brookings Institution Report** 

## Foundation Giving in CA (per capita)

- San Francisco County: \$678
- Los Angeles County: \$108
- Riverside County: \$27
- San Bernardino County: \$6

(Irvine Foundation Report)



### Poor Health & Poverty: What comes first?

Poor health = Poverty

Poverty = Poor Health

"...there is a very clear very robust relationship between individual income and individual health. That is, poverty leads to lower health status."

**Canadian Population Health Initiative** 

#### Socio Economic Status & Health

- While increases in income are associated with increases in health status across the full income spectrum, the gains are largest for those at the bottom of the income distribution scale.
- For children, spells with low SES in the early years are most important in terms of impact on health.

#### Current Efforts & Assets

#### Loma Linda University

- Employer
- Education

#### Latino Health Collaborative

- Access to health care
- Non profit capacity building
- Pipeline/workforce diversity
- Participatory Health Assessment
- Collaboration: "connecting the dots"

# Top 10 Employers in the Inland Empire (2004)

County of San Bernardino (19,299) Stater Brothers Markets (16,000) 3 County of Riverside (14,889) 4 Kaiser Permanente (9,590) 5 University of California, Riverside (6,641) March Air Reserve Base (6200) 6 Loma Linda University Medical Center (6,000) 8 Ontario Mills Mall (5,500) 9 Ontario International Airport (5,360) 10 United Parcel Service (4,850)

### From Poverty to Prosperity: A National Strategy to Cut Poverty in Half

**By The Center for American Progress Task Force on Poverty** 

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**Provide Opportunity for All** 

**Ensure Economic Security** 

**Help People Build Wealth**